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### Annapolis Environmental Commission

January 7, 2015

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on January 7, 2015 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Chair** Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

**Present:** Chair Murphy, Vice Chair Kissel, Weber, Powell, Kiraly, Butler, O'Leary, Riegel

**Absent:** Buchheister

**Staff Present:** Broadbent, Biba, Waters

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

There were no guests.

#### III. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

##### A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

###### December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Riegel moved approval of the December 3, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

##### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

###### Water Quality

###### No Discharge Zone

Dr. Riegel reported that the subcommittee is scheduled to attend the Maritime Advisory Board January 20, 2015 meeting and will be finalizing the arrangements with the Chair. He plans to make a presentation on the No Discharge Zone in addition to other issues. There was a brief discussion regarding who would be responsible for applying for the grants associated with this program and it was noted that the City would prepare the grant applications. Dr. Riegel has requested a briefing for the Environmental Matter Committee on the NDZ in February 2015. Mr. Broadbent added that she provided the NDZ information to the City Manager and are still waiting on whether they will sponsor an ordinance.

##### C. Energy

Mr. Weber will distribute the letter regarding the incinerator and he will be working to respond to the questions.

###### Renewal Energy – Parking Garage

**Chair** Murphy noted that there are over **160** parking garages **nationwide** with solar canopies and many with electric vehicle charging stations so believes that if private funding was available that the City would not object to having a “micro power plant on the roof” of the parking garage. He believes that an MEA grant would help to reduce the costs and will have a better update at the February meeting.

Energy Park

**Chair** Murphy discussed the use of solar panels at the water treatment plant and the use of the landfill for waste.

Maryland Clean Energy Center

**Chair** Murphy reported that the Maryland Clean Energy Center will be lobbying Annapolis legislators on February 12, 2015. **MCAP** can now combine all the nonprofit small projects from schools, churches and other areas energy improvements so that it can be secured in a bond to provide funding for these types of projects. Ms. Broadbent added that they are also working on performance contracting bidding that will look at companies that do energy efficiency improvements. **Chair** Murphy discussed the possibility of a public outreach alternate energy printed brochure that can be distributed. He and Mr. Weber will draft something for review at the February meeting.

**D. Development**

Mr. Biba distributed the January 5, 2015 written development status report via email.

1. **Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals**

Ms. Butler reported that **according to Mr. Biba's development updates** the Court of Special Appeals upheld the Circuit Court decisions and plans will be submitted to the Planning Commission for final approval. She followed up on questions from the public regarding when the forest conservation act issues are going to be addressed as it was her understanding that the Building Board of Appeals was going to schedule a meeting to address these concerns. Ms. Broadbent **indicated that it was her understanding that no more appeals could be taken and** suggested that she contacted the Law Office **for more information on appeal issue**. It was reported that the Forest Conservation Act ordinance will be heard at the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for January 21, 2015 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Mr. Biba responded to questions from Mr. Weber.

2. **Crystal Spring Update**

Ms. Butler noted that it was her understanding that there a complete filing was made. It was reported that the public comment period closes on January 30, 2015 and comments should be sent to the email address [forestconservationact@annapolis.gov](mailto:forestconservationact@annapolis.gov). The public comments received will be distributed to staff for comment. **Vice Chair** Kissel asked if there were overlays of the natural features and Mr. Biba responded yes.

3. **Thomas Woods**

Mr. Biba discussed the variance request to remove six of the seven trees. Ms. Butler asked about the review process and Mr. Biba briefly described the process. **Chair** Murphy suggested that staff include a paragraph on the process so citizens will have an idea on what to do. Ms. Broadbent will check to see if there is something on the website already for this process. **Mr. Powell suggested a frequently asked question section to help residents understand the FCA and tree variance procedures.** **Chair** Murphy asked about the status of the 50% tree canopy goals. Mr. Biba responded that he believes it is attainable possibly by 2036. **Ms. Broadbent indicated that Ms. Wampler did a good GIS survey of tree canopy and agreed to send to the AEC.**

4. **Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane**

Mr. Biba will be meeting with the developer and noted that the variance request was received. At the same time, the developer applied for the site design review and there were concerns because the plats had different grades on them.

5. **Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

6. **The Enclave at Spa Road**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

7. **Hayes Annexation Property**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. **Mr. O'Leary looked on the web for documents on tree variances – could not locate them.**

8. **Rocky Gorge**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

9. **Griscom Square**

Ms. Butler asked about the number of trees to be cut down. Mr. Biba responded that they asked for the forest stand delineation as an update but was uncertain of the number of trees.

10. **Annapolis Neck Annexation (Samaras Property)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

**E. Outreach/Recycling**

Mr. O'Leary noted that the newsletter was deployed and there were no volunteers to serve as back up on maintaining the website as well as deploying the newsletter in his absence. Mr. Powell and Mr. O'Leary agreed to discuss this matter further. There are currently 740 subscribers to the newsletter.

**IV. DNEP Report**

Ms. Broadbent asked those members who are interested in receiving a T-shirt to let her know because there is a box of them in DNEP closet. She is still waiting on DPW for a good time for a tour of the water treatment plant construction project.

**V. New Business**

**A. Change of Meeting Date**

**Chair** Murphy suggested changing the meeting date in the summer from the first Wednesday to the first Tuesday of the month beginning in early May. He agreed to check with Tami to determine her schedule availability.

**B. Intern**

**Chair** Murphy asked AEC for suggestions for a young person who would be interested in intern work and this is not a paid intern position.

**VI. Adjournment**

**The next AEC meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street.** With there being no further business, **Chair** Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder

\*\*\*\*\***NOTE: Please the accompanying documents found under the AEC document link**\*\*\*\*\*